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FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN FROM BRUCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NATO PO

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AT NATO ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS

REF: USNATO 1596

1. AT CONCLUSION OF AFTERNOON MARCH 22 MEETING OF THIRTEEN ALLIES
(MINUS PORTUGAL; LUXEMBOURG ABSENT), THE SECRETARY GENERAL , WITH
THE STRONG SUPPORT OF DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AND DE ROSE
(FRANCE) AND NO DISSENTING VOICE, DECIDED TO HAVE ANOTHER

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MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT TOMORROW, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 23,

AT 10:30 AM.

2. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO REVIEW ANY NEW INFORMATION WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO EMBERS BEFORE THAT TIME. IT WAS, HOWEVER, CLEARLY EVIDENT THAT THEIR STRONG HOPE WAS THAT IF ANY CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN HELD WITH SOVIET AMBASSADORS, ESPECIALLY IN BONN AND WASHINGTON, THE GIST OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE FULL FOURTEEN MEMBERS WHEN THEY MEET TOMORROW. IF WE HAVE HAD SUCH CONVERSATIONS I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE BEING SO INFORMED BEFORE TOMORROW MEETING WITH SUCH DETAIL AS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HIS FOREIGN OFFICE HAS SUMMONED THE USSR AMBASSADOR TO ITALY TO COME THERE TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION.

3. FULL ACCOUNT OF MARCH 22 MEETING CONTAINED SEPTTEL. ?BRUCE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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